

## Tax Pre-payments

The Durham County Tax Administration office would like to offer citizens the opportunity to pre-pay their real property taxes prior to the due date of January 5. This allows citizens to make payments toward their bill even before the bill has been generated.

The program is designed similar to an escrow account used by homeowners making payments to their mortgage company. For most people, making monthly payments is easier than making payments in one lump sum on or before the delinquent date of January 5. There is no fee to participate in the pre-payment program.

Utilizing this program should reduce the amount of delinquent taxes therefore reducing collection costs. To estimate how much your monthly payments should be, take the amount of your previous year's bill and divide by the remaining calendar months before Jan 5. This is only a suggestion as the payment amounts can be any amount that will work best for the taxpayer.

Once you receive your bill you can continue to make monthly payments until the bill is paid in full. Any amount not paid by January 5 will accrue interest at the rate of 2% the month of January and  $\frac{3}{4}\%$  each month thereafter until paid in full by the taxpayer or through a collection action. Any overpayment will be carried over to the next year or refunded upon request.

To make pre-payments, please complete the following information and mail this form with your payment to:

Durham County Tax Collector  
Attn: Prepayment  
PO Box 3397  
Durham, NC 27702

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_